craft. The aircraft did not qualify lor detailed evaluation on the basis of the norms adopted.

Construction *on* Airport at Leng Pui in Mizoram

*285. SHRI M. KADHARSHA;

DR. C. SILVERA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-TION ANd TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mizoram Govern ment propose to construct a new air port/airfield for Boeing 737 at Leng-pui;

(b) if so, when this proposal was sent to Government for approval;

(c) whether Government and tho National Airports Authority have given their clearance to the project;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, and if not, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(e) whether the Mizoram Go ment has also asked for funds for the purpose; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (e) The Mizoram Government does not itself propose to construct a new airport at Leng Pui. However, a suggestion has been made to the Central Government for construction of an airfield for Boeing-737 at the same place. The experts of National Airports Authority have visited the site in February, 1988 and submitted its report in March, 1988. The approximate cost for development of the airport would be to the tune of Rs. 30—35 crores, Including night landing facilities. The Government has not given any approval to this project.

गंडक नदी पर छितौनी पुल का न र्माण

*286. **श्री शमीम हाशमि** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार के पश्चिमी चंपारन जिले में गंडक नदी पर छितौनी पुल के निर्माण की योजना कब से लंबित है तथा इस पर अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(ख) क्या वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में उसके प्राक्कलन संशोधित किये गये हैं ; और

(ग) क्या इस बात का ख्याल रखा गया है कि यह रेल पुल बड़ी लाइन के लिए भी उपयोगी हो ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) गंडक नदी पर पुल सहित छितौनी और बगहा के बीच रेल सम्पर्क का निर्माण 1973-74 के रेलवे बजट में शामिल किया गया था। अब तक इस पर 2.48 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किये गये हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) किये गये अध्ययनों में से एक के रूप में इस पहलू को ध्यान में रखा गया था ।

Irregular flights of Indian Airlines

287. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL; SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the flights of Indian Airlines operated irregularly in June and July, 1988;

(b) what is the number of flights. which had irregular operation from Delhi and other airports in the country;

(c) what is the number of flights from Delhi which were delayed durim* the same neriod:

(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Indian Airlines are taking to make these flights regular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) (a) and (b) During June and July, 1988 out of a total of 17904 take offs by Indian Airlines from Delhi and other airports in the country, 8265 were delayed/cancelled which is about 46 per cent.

(e) From Delhi, out of a total of 1859 take offs, 814 were delayed/cancelled, constituting about 43.79%.

(d) Out of a total of 1859 take-offs ex-Delhi during June-July 1988, only 102 delays/cancellations (which is 5.5% of the total take-offs) were due to reasons like commercial, operation. engineering, which were within the control of Indian Airlines, The re-' maining delays/cancellations were due to reasons like weather, security, consequential reasons which were beyond the control of Indian Airlines.

(e) In order, to improve flight scheduling and restricting consequential delays, Indian Airlines has already placed order for 19 A-320 aircraft to augment its fleet and is also taking on lease aircrafts, to tide over the capacity constraint. This is expected to improve Indian Airlines' on time performance, considerably. Besides, Indian Airlines is regularly monitoring delays with a view to cutting on repetitive snags.

I.T.D.C, projects developed during the Seventh Five Tear Wan

*288. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleas-ed to state

(a) what is the number of I.T.D.C, projects originally envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan period and the number of projects completed:

(b) what is the number of projects behind schedule, by when these are likely to be completed and what are the reasons for delay; and

(c) what is the percentage of cost escalation over and above the original cost estimates?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA); (a) to (c) The original approved Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-90) of ITDC envisaged completion of the following hotel projects being on going schemes as spill over of the Sixth Plan:—

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Hotel at Gulmarg
3. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneshwar
4. Expansion and conversion of Travellers Lodge at Bodhgaya into a hotel
5. Expansion of Laxmi Vilas Pah ce Hotel Udaipur.

Out of the above, the following projects have been completed:-

1. Hotel Agra Ashok
2. Expansion of Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubaneshwar.

The remaining three projects are presently behind schedule. The likely .date of their completion the reasons for delay and the increase in cost over and above the original cost estimates are given in the attached Statement. (See Appendix. CXLVH, Annexure No. 109).

Improving the condition of Kanchen-junrra *A* Cour Express

*289. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUA-SEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: ,

(a) wtheer there is any proposal